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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors  
Attention: Superintendents

From: Director //Fran P. Mainella//

Subject: Implementation of the Interagency Fire Program Management  
Qualifications Standards and Guide

Studies of wildland fire incidents for a number of years highlighted the fact that more stringent, uniform qualification standards were needed for certain fire management positions to assure firefighter safety. The lengthy collaborative effort between the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Agriculture to establish uniform fire management qualifications standards to improve firefighter safety and increase professionalism in the fire management program has been completed.

In the attached memorandum dated June 18, 2004, DOI Assistant Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett **established October 1, 2004, as the date to officially begin implementing** the Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standard and Guide (IFPM Standard). A subsequent memorandum was issued on July 2, 2004, by Carolyn Cohen, Director, Office of Personnel Policy, to all DOI Bureau Human Resources Directors reaffirming this implementation date.

The National Fire and Aviation Executive Board through the Federal Fire Training Task Group has chartered an interagency IFPM Implementation Team consisting of human resources, training and fire management personnel. The IFPM Implementation Team met on August 5-6, 2004, to begin their work on an interagency basis. Their first task is to develop an implementation plan that will be issued on October 1, 2004. This plan will provide guidance on the implementation process.

The above-mentioned memorandums, the IFPM Standard and related information may be found on the internet at [http://www.nifc.gov/training\\_quals/IFPM/ifpm.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/training_quals/IFPM/ifpm.htm). If you have further questions, you may contact Mark Koontz, Implementation Team Lead at (208) 387-5090 or via email at [mark\\_koontz@nps.gov](mailto:mark_koontz@nps.gov).

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